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***CIVIC LEADERSHIP PROGRAM GEARING UP FOR THIRD YEAR  
Nationally Recognized City Academy Set to Kick Off this fall***

**GREENSBORO, NC (June 1, 2006)** – The City of Greensboro will hold its third annual community wide civic education program beginning this fall. Government Works: A City Academy, recognized by the U.S. Conference of Mayors as one of the country's premier government educational program, teaches participants about City government through experiential learning and real life scenarios. The program helps to develop future leaders and build a better community through well informed and civically engaged residents. Classes are held every Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. for 10 consecutive weeks beginning September 7 and concluding November 9. A graduation ceremony will be held Tuesday, November 21 in front of City Council. There is no cost to attend the academy and meals are provided.

"Government Works provides the residents of Greensboro an inside look at the public policy process," says City Manager Mitch Johnson. "This in turn fosters an environment where residents and government officials work in conjunction to increase the quality of life that we all enjoy in Greensboro," he adds.

Class participants will take part in activities such as a simulated balanced budget game, vehicle extrication with firefighters, neighborhood planning, tour of the Guilford Metro 911 Center, a visit to the police firing range, tour of a water treatment plant and more.

Government Works is open to any resident who lives or works in Greensboro, with special preference given to those who reside within the city limits. Students must submit an application and go through a selection process. Twenty-five individuals representing all council districts and various backgrounds will be selected for the academy. Other selection criteria include:

- 18 years of age or older
- Preference given to non-city employees
- Must attend 80% of classes

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- Written statement
- Preference given to those wanting to serve on a board or commission
- Efforts will be taken to select individuals who represent diverse groups (race, religion, education, age, sex, sexual orientation, etc.)

Applications will be available online at [www.greensboro-nc.gov](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov) starting Monday, June 5 or by calling 373-CITY (2489). **Deadline to apply is Monday, July 3, 2006.**

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The City of Greensboro works in partnership with the community to increase the quality of life for all residents by fostering an environment of inclusion, diversity, and trust. As the seventh largest employer in Greensboro, the City has a dedicated professional staff of 2,800 employees who maintain four core values of honesty, integrity, stewardship, and respect. The City is governed by a council-manager form of government with a mayor and eight council members. For more information on the City of Greensboro, please visit us online at [www.greensboro-nc.gov](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov) or call 373-CITY (2489).

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